



## MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FATALITY SUMMARY

**2003/2004**

Updated through March 22, 2004, 4:00 p.m.

NO.	DATE	TIME	COUNTY/ LOCATION	AREA	AGE/SEX	ALCOHOL	RESIDENCY	SNOW. SAFETY	PRELIM. OR FINAL
<b>01</b>	12/12/03	1930	Houghton County	Public Road	17 year old male	No	Michigan	No	F
A 17 year old Upper Peninsula resident died after missing a curve and colliding with a utility pole in Houghton County's Calumet Township. This occurred on Number 4 Rd., near Water St. This man was the only one involved in the incident. The snowmobile was borrowed from an acquaintance.									
<b>02</b>	12/17/03	1912	Lenawee County	Public Road	39 year old male	Yes	Michigan	No	P
A 39 year old SE lower Michigan resident died in a snowmobile collision on Taylor Rd. near Wisner Hwy in Franklin Township. The victim was the driver of a 600 cc snowmobile that collided with a tree.									
<b>03</b>	12/22/03	1111	Crawford County	Blue Bear Trail	19 year old male	No	Michigan	No	F
The victim was involved in a crash on the Blue Bear Trail near Howes Lk. Rd. in Frederic Township of Crawford County. The nineteen year old man was a resident of SE lower Michigan.									
<b>04</b>	12/25/03	1400	Luce County	Trail # 45	23 year old female	Unk.	Wisconsin	Yes	P
The westbound snowmobile ran off the south side of Trail #45 and struck a large tree. Impact with the tree caused damage to the snowmobile and fatal injuries to the 23 year old Milwaukee, Wisconsin resident.									
<b>05</b>	01/09/04	0700	Delta County	Little Bay De Noc	29 year old male	Unk.	Michigan	No	P
Snowmobile was operated during the early morning hours and went through the ice. The body was recovered at 1305 hours of the next day.									

<b>06</b>	01/10/04	2226	Oakland County	Pontiac Lake	31 year old male	Yes	Michigan	No	F
The snowmobile was operated across the frozen surface of Pontiac Lake near Camelot Dr. The 31 year old S.E. Michigan resident crashed head-on into a wood retaining wall.									
<b>07</b>	01/11/04	0100	Otsego County	Roadway	33 year old male	Yes	Michigan	No	F
Snowmobile was operated on a private access road at a high rate of speed. The 33 year old S.E. Michigan resident lost control of the snowmobile and crashed into a tree.									

<b>08</b>	01/12/04		Schoolcraft County	Trail	64 year old male	No	Ohio	No	F
Snowmobile was operated on the roadway at a high rate of speed. The 64 year old Ohio resident lost control after hitting a dip in the trail. He was ejected from the snowmobile and his body impacted the trail.									
<b>09</b>	01/16/04	1906	Crawford County	Roadway	51 year old male	No	Michigan	No	F
The snowmobile was operated on the roadway at a high rate of speed. The 51 year old S.E. Michigan resident hit a tree; the snowmobile rolled and hit a fence, causing fatal injuries to the operator.									

<b>10</b>	01/16/04	2130	Marquette County	Trail	52 year old male	Yes	Michigan	No	F
Snowmobile was operated on the trail; the operator lost control of the snowmobile and hit several trees. The 52 year old Northern Michigan resident's body was recovered during the early morning hours of January 17, 2004.									
<b>11</b>	01/18/04	0005	Chippewa County	Trail	41 year old male	Yes	Michigan	No	F
The snowmobile was operated on the trail at a high rate of speed. The 41 year old S.E. Michigan resident lost control, was ejected from									

the snowmobile and was thrown to the ground.

12	01/06/04	1922	Ottawa County	Private Property	34 year old male	Yes	Michigan	No	P
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The snowmobile was operated on the roadway at a very high rate of speed. The operator was ejected from the snowmobile and was thrown into a house. The 34 year old S.W. Michigan resident was intoxicated and he wasn't wearing a helmet. The crashed snowmobile was reported stolen on October 6, 2003.

13	01/13/04	1815	Kalkaska	Roadway	53 year old male	Yes	Michigan	No	F
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The snowmobile was operated on the shoulder of the road at a high rate of speed. The 53 year old S.E. Michigan resident hit a motor vehicle that was parked on the shoulder of the road. The operator of the motor vehicle was picking up his mail at the time of the accident.

14	01/18/04	1126	Lake County	Trail	33 year old female			No	P
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The snowmobile was operated at a very high rate of speed on the trail. The 33 year old, S.W. Michigan resident, lost control of the snowmobile and hit a tree. The operator died the following day from her injuries.

15	01/24/04	1341	Otsego County	Roadway	47 year old male		Michigan		F
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A 47 year old S.E. Michigan man was involved in a head-on fatal snowmobile crash when his snowmobile crashed into a motor vehicle at the intersection of Pencil Lake Rd and Tittabawassee Rd. in Hayes Twp.

16	01/27/04	2120	Barry County	Roadway	17 year old female	No	Michigan	No	P
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The snowmobile was operated on the roadway and collided with a motor vehicle at an intersection in Thornapple twp. The 17 year old S.W. Michigan resident was trapped by the snowplow on the motor vehicle and she was dragged approximately ½ mile.

17	01/31/04	1545	Alger County	Roadway	35 year old	Yes	Michigan	No	F
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<b>23</b>	02/21/04		Kalkaska County	Trail	36 year old male	No	Michigan	No	P
A 36 year old SE Michigan resident was operating his snowmobile on the trail at a high rate of speed, the operator failed to negotiate a curve, lost control and crashed into a tree.									

<b>24</b>	02/08/04	010	Cass County	Trail	31 year old male		Illinois	No	P
A 31 year old Chicago resident operated his snowmobile on the trail at a high rate of speed. The operator failed to negotiate a curve, lost control and crashed into some trees.									

<b>25</b>	02/23/04	1658	Wexford County	Roadway	17 year old male		Michigan		F
A 17 year Northern Lower Michigan male operated his snowmobile on the roadway. The operator failed to stop at an intersection and crashed with a motor vehicle.									

<b>26</b>	03/05/04		Houghton County	Trail	50 year old male	No		No	P
A 50 year old man and his 20 year old daughter broke down on the Bill Nichols trail near Painsdale. They were standing by their disabled snowmobiles when they were struck by another snowmobile. (Additional Information pending receipt of accident report from investigating agency).									
<b>27</b>	03/20/04	1155	Mackinac	Trail	38 year old male	No	Michigan	No	P
A 38 year old SE Michigan resident died in a Fatal Snowmobile accident on the Soo Line R.R. Grade in Moran Twp. (Additional information available upon receipt of report from investigating agency)									

**NOTE: At this time last year, there were 45 reported snowmobile fatalities in Michigan.**